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The General Division of Research and Field Study did not receive a Church Self-Study Form from this congregation. The Division regrets this as it limits discussion and prevents recommendations.

St. Philip's Church occupies a building of red brick construction at 1925 Lombard Street in the City of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

The portion of the city in which St. Philip's is located is Census Tract 7-C. For the purposes of this Study, the General Division of Research and Field Study has assigned five other census tracts immediately adjacent to Census Tract 7-C to make a "parish study area".

In this parish study area there is no 1950 population information available, except for Census Tract 30-B. In 10 years time this tract experienced a 12.4% decrease in population.

The 1960 United States Census reports a population of 45,797 persons living in the parish study area, of which 61.5% was non-white.

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CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	POPULATION 1950	POPULATION 1960	% CHANGE	% 14 & UNDER	% 65 & OVER	% NON-WHITE
7-C	NA	9,860	-	13.9	12.8	32.9
8-D	NA	5,191	-	5.2	22.2	1.1
7-A	NA	7,219	-	14.6	11.9	44.2
30-A	NA	7,220	-	21.4	13.0	97.3
30-B	10,693	9,240	-12.4	26.9	11.5	83.1
30-C	NA	7,067	-	26.8	11.3	98.6
TOTAL		45,797				61.5

The next chart shows the educational characteristics and the median ages by sex of the general population of the parish study area. Attention is called to the relatively higher educational median of the population in Census Tracts 7-C and 8-D. Please note also the relatively advanced age of males and females in all of the census tracts.

EDUCATION OF ADULTS 25 YRS. OF AGE & OVER

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	% H.S. GRAD.	% COLLEGE 1-3 YRS.	% COLLEGE GRAD.	OVER 25	MED. EDUC.	MED. AGE M	MED. AGE F
7-C	21.3	13.5	21.8	7356	12.3	39.4	42.6
8-D	31.5	15.8	25.1	4463	12.7	50.5	52.9
7-A	16.6	7.1	10.5	5178	9.0	41.4	37.1
30-A	9.7	1.5	1.7	4957	7.9	41.3	39.5
30-B	10.8	2.3	1.4	5717	8.4	35.2	35.3
30-C	10.8	2.0	2.1	4441	8.2	35.0	37.8

Since 61.5% of the population of this parish study area was reported as non-white in the 1960 United States Census, the following chart shows the number of non-whites living in each census tract, the percent change available only in Census Tract 30-B, the number of Puerto Ricans, and the median family income. Note the correlation between the median family

income in the following chart as compared with the median educational level in the chart above.

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	NON-WHITE POPULATION 1950	NON-WHITE POPULATION 1960	% CHANGE	PUERTO RICAN 1960	MED. FAMILY INCOME
7-C	NA	3,247	-	58	7,052
8-D	NA	57	-	0	9,413
7-A	NA	3,192	-	84	3,459
30-A	NA	7,024	-	8	3,525
30-B	7,850	7,674	-2.2	4	3,854
30-C	NA	6,968		0	3,139
TOTAL		28,162		154=0.3% of Tot. Pop.	

This parish reported, in the 1964 Journal of the Diocese of Pennsylvania for the year 1963, 368 baptized members and 346 communicants in good standing. The figures submitted by the parish for the year ending 1964 showed a baptized membership of 240 and a communicant in good standing strength of 230. The present number in good standing on the Parochial Report for 1963 does not agree, by 96, with the communicants listed on the 1964 report.

The membership map submitted by the parish gives the location of 190 persons. Of this number, only 21.1% lives within the six census tracts of the parish study area. In the immediate parish area 2.1% of the total population is Episcopal. St. Philip's ministers to 4.1% of all Episcopalians residing in its area.

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CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
7-C	9,860	321	3.3	5	1.6	2.6
8-D	5,191	357	6.9	0	0	-
7-A	7,219	67	0.9	1	1.5	0.5
30-A	7,220	78	1.1	1	1.3	0.5
30-B	9,240	92	1.0	30	32.6	15.9
30-C	7,067	52	0.7	3	5.8	1.6
TOTAL	45,797	967	2.1	40	4.1	21.1

The Episcopal Census submitted gives partial information on 283 persons. The median age is 49.6 years, which shows a congregation of relatively advanced age. At the time of the visitation meeting, serious questions were raised by the parish leaders present as to the future of this congregation. Questions were raised also about the changing neighborhood. Can this congregation, formed as a Negro congregation, continue as such with so many Caucasians moving into the parish study area? The leaders of this parish would do well to follow their own line of questioning and hold serious conversations with diocesan authorities concerning the future of this congregation as an independent parish, as a merged church, or as a place of special ministry.

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THE CHURCH PROGRAM

Since no Church Self-Study Form was submitted by this congregation, the General Division of Research and Field Study is unable to comment or analyze.

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MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH PHILADELPHIA ST PHILIPS

CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
D 19	1	.5
D 21	2	1.1
M 21	1	.5
3B	1	.5
4B	1	.5
7A	1	.5
X 7C	5	2.6
15C	2	1.1
20D	1	.5
22D	3	1.6
24C	3	1.6
24D	5	2.6
24E	3	1.6
24F	1	.5
24G	1	.5
24I	1	.5
26A	1	.5
28A	4	2.1
28B	2	1.1
28C	3	1.6
30A	1	.5
30B	30	15.9
30C	3	1.6
32C	1	.5
32D	3	1.6
32E	2	1.1
34I	1	.5
34P	5	2.6
34S	4	2.1
36A	10	5.4
36B	4	2.1
36C	4	2.1
36F	2	1.1
37C	1	.5
38G	1	.5
38H	4	2.1
44C	1	.5
44D	2	1.1
44E	5	2.6
46A	4	2.1
46B	1	.5
46C	4	2.1
46D	3	1.6
46E	8	4.2
46F	3	1.6
46G	7	3.7
46H	1	.5
47B	1	.5
47C	1	.5
47D	1	.5
49F	1	.5
52I	7	3.7
52J	9	4.7
52K	4	2.1
52L	6	3.2

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

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CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
OUT STATE	3	1.6
	190	100.0

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

The Vital Statistics chart on the next page reports Data on the Congregation at five-year intervals from 1945 through 1960, and then annually from 1961 to 1963 inclusive.

From 1950 to 1960 inclusive, the baptized membership decreased 13.4% and communicant strength 34.7%. From 1961 to 1963, inclusive, 19 persons were baptized and 12 members were confirmed at St. Philip's Church. The average ratios of baptisms and confirmations to the communicant strength during this period were 1.8% and 1.2%. The corresponding ratios for the diocese are 3.9% and 4.1%, while those for the Church over the nation are 5.5% and 5.8%, respectively.

In the financial section of the Vital Statistics chart it is seen that the average expenditures per communicant from 1961 to 1963, inclusive, were $35.22. This figure is much below that of the diocese ($73.71) and substantially below that found over the nation, ($96.00).

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VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH ST. PHILIP TOWN PHILADELPHIA

COUNTY PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	NR	276	402	480	348	360	365	368
Communicants	NR	276	314	315	205	345	343	346
Church School	NR	160	95	150	76	85	77	80
Baptisms	NR	23	18	15	12	11	5	3
Percentage of Communicants	NR	8.3	5.7	4.8	5.9	3.2	1.5	0.9
Confirmations	NR	31	30	8	8	5	6	1
Percentage of Communicants	NR	11.2	9.6	2.5	3.9	1.4	1.7	0.3
Parochial Expenditures 1	NR	3,962	5,972	7,660	9,704	10,197	9938	9679
Special Par. Expenditures 2	NR	926	661	245	7,009	688	1128	1203
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	NR	344	469	854	1,077	1,169	1199	1218
Total Reported Expenditures	NR	5,232	7,102	8,759	17,790	12,054	12,265	12,100
Expenditures per Communicant		18.96	22.62	27.81	86.78	34.94	35.76	34.97
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant		1.25	1.49	2.71	5.25	3.39	3.50	3.52

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1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.

2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.

3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

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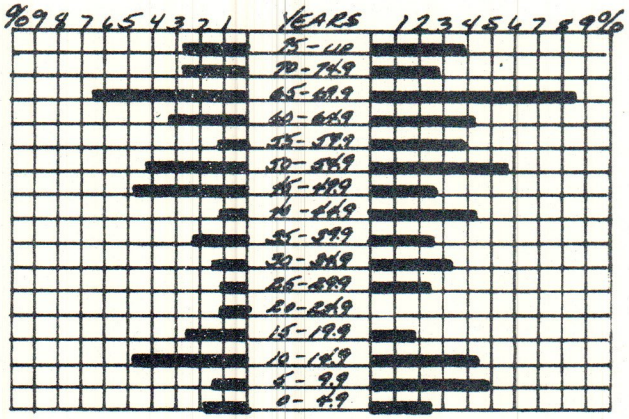
THE PROFILE OF P-82 ST PHILIP'S

CITY & COUNTY PHILADELPHIA

DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

AGE AND SEX CLASSIFICATION

TOTAL NUMBER REPORTING 301



MALE NUMBER	MALE PERCENT	AGE GROUP IN YEARS	FEMALE PERCENT	FEMALE NUMBER
8	2.8	75-up	3.9	11
8	2.8	70-74.9	2.8	8
18	6.4	65-69.9	8.5	24
9	3.2	60-64.9	4.2	12
3	1.1	55-59.9	3.9	11
12	4.2	50-54.9	5.6	16
14	4.9	45-49.9	2.5	7
3	1.1	40-44.9	4.2	12
6	2.1	35-39.9	2.5	7
4	1.4	30-34.9	3.2	9
3	1.1	25-29.9	2.5	7
3	1.1	20-24.9		
7	2.5	15-19.9	1.8	5
14	4.9	10-14.9	4.2	12
4	1.4	5-9.9	4.9	14
5	1.8	0-4.9	2.5	7
121	42.8	TOTALS	57.2	162

AGE GROUPS — TOTAL NO. REP. 283

No.	%		10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
56	19.7	14-UNDER	
215	76.0	20-OVER	
77	27.2	65-OVER	

BAPTIZED — TOTAL NO. REP. 274

No.	%		10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
274	100.0	YES	
		NO	

CONFIRMED — TOTAL NO. REP. 274

No.	%		10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100
186	67.9	YES	
88	32.1	NO	

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CHURCH NAME AND REF. NO. P-82 ST PHILIP'S

LENGTH OF MEMBERSHIP IN THIS CONGREGATION — TOTAL NO. REP. 165

No.	%	YEARS
9	5.5	0-4.9
17	10.3	5-9.9
15	9.1	10-14.9
22	13.4	15-19.9
18	10.9	20-24.9
84	50.8	25-OVER

NON-EPISCOPALIAN: BELONG TO WHAT CHURCH — TOTAL NO. REP. 49

No.	%	DENOMINATION
28	57.1	BAPTIST
		LUTHERAN
3	6.1	METHODIST
5	10.2	PRESBYTERIAN
11	22.5	ROMAN CATH.
		HEBREW
2	4.1	MUSLIM

CHURCH FORMERLY BELONGED TO: — TOTAL NO. REP. 6

No.	%	DENOMINATION
		BAPTIST
		LUTHERAN
6	100.0	METHODIST
		PRESBYTERIAN
		ROMAN CATH.
		HEBREW

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CHURCH NAME AND REF. NO. P-82 ST PHILIP'S

OCCUPATION — TOTAL NO. REP. 275

No.	%	Class
10	3.6	PRE-STUDENT
54	19.6	STUDENTS
46	16.7	HOUSEWIVES
1	0.4	UNEMPLOYED
34	12.4	RETIRED
12	4.4	PROFESSIONAL
		FARM MANAGER
4	1.5	MANAGERS
24	8.7	CLERICAL
1	0.4	SALES
18	6.5	CRAFTSMEN
19	6.9	SEMI-SKILLED
19	6.9	DOMESTIC
26	9.4	SERVICE
		FARM LABOR
4	1.5	LABORERS
3	1.1	MILITARY

EDUCATION — TOTAL NO. REP. 204

No.	%	College
13	6.4	4 OR MORE
8	3.9	1-3
		HIGH SCHOOL
123	60.3	4
44	21.6	1-3
		ELEMENTARY
16	7.8	5-8
		1-4
		NONE

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN LIVING AT HOME — TOTAL NO. REP. 30

No.	%	Children
10	33.3	ONE
11	36.7	TWO
8	26.7	THREE
1	3.3	FOUR
		MORE

BORN THIS STATE — TOTAL NO. REP. 272

No.	%	
158	58.1	YES
114	41.9	NO

BORN IN U.S.A. — TOTAL NO. REP. 272

No.	%	
198	72.8	YES
74	27.2	NO

CHURCH NAME & REF. NO. P-82 ST PHILIP'S

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DISTANCE FROM CHURCH — TOTAL NO. REP. 135

No.	%	MILES
20	14.8	1 OR LESS
22	16.3	1 - 1.9
12	8.9	2 - 2.9
41	30.4	3 - 3.9
40	29.6	4 OR MORE

TIME FROM CHURCH — TOTAL NO. REP. 136

No.	%	MINUTES
14	10.3	10 OR LESS
32	23.5	10 - 19
22	16.2	20 - 29
68	50.0	30 OR MORE

HOME OWNERS — TOTAL NO. REP. 128

No.	%	
93	72.7	YES
35	27.3	NO

RESIDENCE BUILT — TOTAL NO. REP. 89

No.	%	YEAR
1	1.1	1960 - PRESENT
1	1.1	1950 - 1959
1	1.1	1940 - 1949
9	10.1	1930 - 1939
19	21.4	1920 - 1929
49	55.1	1900 - 1919
9	10.1	1899 BEFORE

TYPE OF DWELLING — TOTAL NO. REP. 135

No.	%	CLASS
94	69.6	SINGLE
15	11.1	DUPLEX
24	17.8	APT. HOUSE
		HOTEL
2	1.5	ROOM HOUSE
		INSTITUTION
		TRAILER

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DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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Since no Church Self-Study Form was received from this congregation, there can be no adequate discussion and no recommendation can be made.

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